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## Santa Rosa flea market a whopping success



Last Saturday the first Santa Rosa flea market took place here and resulted in a tremendous success. From the early hours of the morning people were waiting in line to enter the doors to begin purchasing fresh local produce.

It is the intention to hold these flea markets once every last Saturday of the month where the Aruban public can come and purchase fresh fish, greens, fruits, earth remedies, trees and many other local products. Sale hours were from 8:00 am to 2:00 in the afternoon.

As this was the first such event the organizers did not expect such a massive turnout, which resulted in most of the produce being sold out within the first 2 hours. Because of the enormous interest for this type of market they are contemplating doing this at least twice monthly.

According to Minister Oduber, there appears to be new motivation, new incentive

among our local agriculturists and keepers of livestock as well as among our fishermen. There is a new generation who has gained an interest in agriculture. The recent course organized by Santa Rosa on permaculture may have also contributed to this new interest surge.

The minister indicated that they are currently working on what should be the best method for supplying our agriculturists and livestock owners with water. This is one of the biggest difficulties at this moment, according to the Minister. The government is currently working on the water plant at Parkietenbos. They are attempting to install a type of machine that would purify the water and make it 100% usable for agriculture and livestock.

The Minister is convinced that Santa Rosa will become a most important sector for Aruba where we will be able to produce much of our own produce rather than having to import so much from abroad.

## Productive meeting with Aruba's financial institutions



Last Friday the Prime Minister met with members of our financial institutions to discuss different important issues. The encounter resulted in being very productive for all those present.

The economic figures of the past year show an increase of 10% of the Gross Domestic Product. Tourism indicators are also positive. Container activity records a 20% increase, while the income for the island is at 10%. Unemployment shows a decrease from 10% to 7.9%, according to government indicators.

Despite these positive indicators, the government is of the opinion that not only the government must be investing, but that everyone should be contributing. "We can achieve the maximum only if we give our maximum, which must include our banks, insurance and other companies. These too must be investing for our economy to progress," asserts Prime Minister Eman.

Reportedly, the private sector has complained that they are having difficulty obtaining financing for their investments. For this reason Eman decided to hold an encounter with our financial institutions to find ways to stimulate more action towards a positive social economic development through making money more accessible to local investors.

The primary factor which influences financial loans is the high interest rates. According to Friendsel Giel of Aruba Investment Bank, the high interest rate is the great "bottleneck for businesses. Our banks are not too enthusiastic about reducing the interest rates. Both Ryan Kock of Aruba Bank and Javier Wolter of CMB indicated that the relatively low volume of loans is a reason for the current interest rates. However, Diego Frankel of Fatum is of the opinion that our banks should be more flexible...the conditions ought to be better. Frankel believes that better cooperation between insurance companies and the banks could help greatly. "Together we should be able to help the commercial sector," remarked Diego Frankel.

According to CMB Managing Director, Javier Wolter... "entrepreneurs very often are unable to make their plans concrete." Wolter is of the opinion that business owners could benefit from help from the banks with information from accountants and lawyers.

Both Giel and Wolter are convinced that those who need the most help are business starters. AIB has for some time been working on a program to teach business starters how to prepare a business plan, how to go about getting financing and how to develop an efficient

business administration.

Prime Minister Eman proposed that there be a type of guarantee fund for small and medium size businesses. Such a fund would facilitate the financing for an entrepreneur in the event he is unable to comply with all of the severe conditions of a bank as this relates to risk protection.

Since each of the representatives of our financial institutions agreed with Eman that the idea of a guarantee fund was an acceptable idea, they decided to begin working on the idea. Mr. Giel of the AIB was very critical of the reserved position of the commercial banks. According to Giel, when an entrepreneur approaches a bank he must have the confidence that the bank will give ear to his petitions. The accessibility for obtaining financing according to Giel is an important factor when preparing a public tender for a project. Local companies are not getting a decent slice of the 'cake,' simply because they are not getting an honest opportunity.

The Prime Minister was very pleased with the results of the meeting. He remarked that... "It is only as we work together can we achieve maximum results for Aruba; and this ought to be our goal." Eman will continue with these encounters in other areas of interest in our community.



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## France's Lagarde first woman IMF chief



French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde, pictured June 20

WASHINGTON, France's Christine Lagarde was named Tuesday as the first-ever female chief of the IMF, faced with an immediate crisis as violent Greek protests rocked the stability of the eurozone.

The French finance minister, respected for her leadership during the financial crises that have rocked Europe over the past three years, was chosen to replace countryman Dominique Strauss-Kahn.

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"The results are in: I am honored & delighted that the board has entrusted me with the position of MD of the IMF!" Lagarde said via Twitter minutes after the announcement.

Despite grumblings from emerging economies over Europe's 65-year lock on the IMF's top job, the solid support of the United States and European nations made it virtually impossible for Mexican challenger Agustin Carstens.

Ultimately key emerging nations, including Brazil, China and Russia, also gave Lagarde their backing.

Choosing Lagarde was expected to ease concerns in Europe over the Fund's support for the fragile bailouts of Greece, Portugal and Ireland in the wake of the unexpected departure of Strauss-Kahn.

"The executive board of the International Monetary Fund today selected Christine Lagarde to serve as IMF managing director and madame

chairman of the executive board for a five-year term starting on July 5, 2011," the Fund said in a statement.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy's office declared it a "victory for France."

Since the race began in late May, 55-year-old Lagarde has been the strong favorite over Carstens, Mexico's central bank chief, despite his formidable resume.

And few had expected Washington to break the tacit pact, dating to the founding of the International Monetary Fund and sister institution the World Bank, that an American would run the Bank while a European headed the Fund.

The 187-nation Fund, which plays a crucial but often controversial role aiding countries in financial straits, was left reeling after Strauss-Kahn resigned in the middle of tense negotiations over Greece's massive bailout and anxiety over other struggling European economies.

## Dutch lawmakers vote on ritual animal slaughter

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Animals have to be stunned before being slaughtered in halal or kosher rituals, except if it could be proven they would suffer less without it, Dutch lawmakers decided Tuesday.

Dutch law states that all animals must be stunned before being butchered, but has previously made an exception for halal and kosher ritual slaughter.

Tabled by the country's Party for the Animals (PvdD), which has two seats in the 150-seat parliament, a majority of the Dutch lower house adopted an amendment abolishing this exception.

Parliamentarians, however, also adopted a separate amendment stating that ritual slaughter can be performed without stunning if "independent proof" could be shown that an

animal would suffer less if it was not dazed.

Jewish and Muslim representatives insist that ritual slaughter respects animal welfare, citing methods used to limit suffering and arguing that ritual butchers receive expert training.

They implored the Dutch government, unsuccessfully, not to change the law as it would impact on their freedom of religion.

More than two million animals -- mainly sheep and chickens -- were ritually slaughtered in the Netherlands every year, the PvdD said.

Abdelfattah Ali-Salah, director of Halal Correct, the organisation that issues halal certificates in the country, has called this figure "inexact", saying it was closer to 250,000.

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## US nuclear material safe despite wildfire: officials

LOS ANGELES, (AFP) - Radioactive material stored at the top US nuclear laboratory is safe despite a threatening wildfire which has closed the Los Alamos National Lab (LANL) and forced 42 percent of the lab's 11,800 employees to evacuate, officials said.

"All nuclear and hazardous materials, including those at the lab's principal waste storage site known as Area G, are accounted for and protected," authorities said Tuesday on the

official New Mexico Fire Information website.

Radioactive materials are stored at the Laboratory for research purposes and the property also houses radioactive waste and is the historic lab where the atomic bomb was developed during World War II. Separately, US nuclear authorities were watching floodwaters threatening a nuclear power plant in Nebraska after a protective barrier collapsed.



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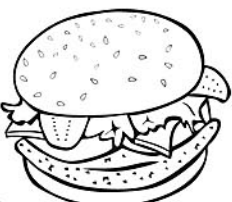
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She is known for her constant efforts to work for a better life for children.

She has given much time and energy to combating analphabetism through promoting reading programs. Thus, HerHRoyal highness, the Princess of the Netherlands, Laurentien is a staunch supporter of children's programs.

Minister Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer was privileged to encounter the royal Princess during her recent visit to the Netherlands where she presented information regarding possible opportunities for Aruba and to present a copy Laurentien's book translated into Papiamento. Ever since her period of study in the USA, Princess Laurentien began working on a project of writing books for children. Princess Laurentien never dreamed that she

would one day become an author of children's books. In her daily activities in the Netherlands she occupies herself with sharing information concerning the Green Economy, the banking industry, etc. Now through her children's books she is able to share with others from the depth of her heart.

The Aruban Minister shared with Princess Laurentien Aruba's efforts to promote reading.

Winklaar-Hooyboer indicated to the Dutch royal princess that Aruba does not have analphabetism, although the level of interest in reading is considerably low. She explained something of the different projects on Aruba such as Charuba, the "Bon Nochi Drumi Dushi Foundation" and the Fundacion Papiamento, all geared towards promoting reading among

our children.

The "Mr. Finney" project (title of Laurentien's interesting book) has to do with the new concept of promoting sustainable learning, that is teaching children to understand themselves and "sustainable reading." The concept behind the book, according to the princess is to present all forms of "green" thinking and to inculcate all forms of sustainable ideas.

Princess Laurentien is president of the European Commission for promoting reading which is working diligently to raise the level of reading in European countries. Children in Holland were extremely happy with the two publications of "Mr. Finney." It is expected that within a matter of weeks the translation to Papiamento will be completed and children in Aruba will also have this interesting book here in their own language.

This means that Aruba too will, at that time, become familiar with sustainable reading, the new structure for reading and talking about a topic that is part of our daily lives.

Photo shows Minister Winklaar-Hooyboer presenting Princess Laurentien the Papiamento version of Mr. Finney with John Leerdam, ex Dutch Parliamentarian looking on. President of Charuba, Mrs. Alice van Romondt was also present.

## Financial institutions pleased with government's initiative



ORANJESTAD -- According to the government, the Aruban economy is progressing well.

Central Bank has indicated that 2011 will show a GDP increase of 10%. There are excellent investment opportunities for local investors. Local businesses must benefit from the improved economic situation on Aruba. For this reason it is important to remove any and all obstacles for obtaining financing.

Next week the government will be signing a protocol with the financial institutions to formalize the matters discussed and agreed upon in their meeting of last Friday. In this protocol they will determine how they will continue working on the matters accorded.

They intend to institute a guarantee fund for small and medium size businesses. This will make it that much easier

for these businesses to obtain financing. The financial institutions will also participate in the so-called "Stadsherstel Aruba N.V." that is about to be instituted. The objective of this organization will be to revitalize the centers of the city. The government and the private sector will begin a foundation for youth to stimulate social responsibility. One of the goals of this foundation will be to encourage our young people who went abroad to study to return to Aruba. In the Netherlands young Aruban professionals will be organizing a job search market to present the job prospects and the future for our professional young people on Aruba. The private and public sectors both support this initiative. This initiative also places the focus on the soon to be treated law in Parliament on discounts for study loans.

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## Reflections:

# AIFF 2011-What makes it (or will make it) better than other Caribbean film festivals?

The Aruba International Film Festival is, admittedly, a work in progress, but film industry veterans-Oscar winning Director Jonathan Demme, for example, and scores of international press attending, have labeled it "quite impressive," while still in the "infant stages." Demme, who has been dedicating quite a bit of his time to documentaries such as the work he screened during the AIFF, "The Agronomist," publicly praised one of the en-

tries from Puerto Rico in the festival's unique competition, Caribbean Spotlight Series, titled "100,000." His own film about the Haitian martyr campaigning for democracy for his island nation, Jean Dominique, would have been an appropriate entry, but was screened as a feature film.

Aruban-born Aaron Hosé, now a documentary filmmaker for UCF, made quite a splash at the inaugural AIFF in 2010 with his film "Voices in the Clouds" during the tribute to

local cinema, which was not a contest, but grew into this year's event. Because of his singular status as a recognized filmmaker but native to Aruba, festival producers approached him about being the Director/Producer of the CSS.

Aaron heartily agrees with CSS jurist Noel de Sousa in his conviction that "we can't expect the tourists to fill all the seats at AIFF... we must always make sure to have a section of the festival that caters to the "local palette." The CSS proved overwhelmingly successful in this goal, particularly the films paired with screenings of the two short films in the "Aruba Flavor" competition, "10 Ave Maria," and "Muhe Frida," the latter taking the prize. Why were there not more films from Aruba? Aaron and the other CSS judges, Emmanuel Iter and Rosalie Klein, were disappointed as well.

Regarding the lack of entries, Aaron muses: "One missing element on the island is that of "development." There aren't enough programs permanently (or seasonally) in place to help develop local talent. I have heard and read remarks from people who believe that, instead of pumping money into this festival, the government should invest in a school that will teach our youth to make films. I must say, I agree with both sides; we just need to find a happy medium. The festival is crucial for obvious reasons. However, we also need to have initiatives in place to motivate native islanders towards making films, and to teach them some of best practices in doing so. In that sense, the AIFF becomes something our own



Aaron Hosé center clowning around with projectionist extraordinaire Gareth Cilie (left) and AIFF accountant and superb go-to guy Jean Pierre

filmmakers can build toward... an incentive of sorts, knowing that their films will screen at an internationally-renowned festival."

One factor Aaron mentioned reducing the number of contenders in the CSS was ignoring the criteria which were clearly posted online; this disqualified at least 35 to 40% of the entries.

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Alydia Wever and Ryan Oduber star and producers of Muhe Frida



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The paucity of Aruban films prompted Aaron and the AIFF organizers to develop the "Aruba Flavor" category especially for shorter films, and this provided the 2 viable contenders, which will surely be expanded for the 3rd AIFF, as it produced such a positive response and sold out attendance this year. The great buzz prompted Aruba's Minister of Social & Economic Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar to set up a special screening for Aruba's Parliament members, an action Aaron labels "incredible and encouraging."

"AIFF 2011 also offered Aruban filmmakers the opportunity to network and create lasting friendships with all the CSS filmmakers. I'm am very glad that I spearheaded the



Stars and filmmakers of both Aruba Flavor entries

CSS this year and created the Aruba Flavor category, so that our local artists can have a chance to shine at their hometown festival," he concluded.

Tomorrow-personal impressions by author Rosalie Klein on being the final jurist of the CSS.

by Rosalie Klein



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## Sci-Tech

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WASHINGTON - A scare triggered by orbital debris that on Tuesday came within a couple of hundred metres (yards) of the International Space Station (ISS) sheds light on an acutely worsening problem.

Millions of chunks of metal, plastic and glass are whirling round Earth, the garbage left from 4,600 launches in 54 years of space exploration.

The collision risk is low, but the junk travels at such high speed that even a tiny shard can cripple a satellite costing tens of millions of dollars.

Around 16,000 objects bigger than 10 centimetres (four inches) across are tracked by the US Space Sur-

veillance Network, according to NASA's specialist newsletter (newsletterhttp://orbitaldebris.jsc.nasa.gov/newsletter/pdfs/ODQNv15i1.pdf).

There are around 500,000 pieces between one and 10 cms (half and four inches), while the total of particles smaller than one centimetre (half an inch) "probably exceeds tens of millions," NASA says elsewhere on its website.

The rubbish comes mainly from old satellites and upper stages of rockets whose residual fuel or other fluids explode while they turn in orbit. As the junk bumps and grinds, more debris results.

Another big source, though, is a Chinese weather satellite, Fengyun-1C, which

China destroyed in a test of an anti-satellite weapon in 2007.

Debris specialists and satellite operators were incensed. At a stroke, it helped increase the tally of large debris by more than a third.

In May 2009, a 10-cm (four-inch) chunk from Fengyun-1C passed within three kilometres (1.8 miles) of the US space shuttle Atlantis, prompting plans for evasive manoeuvres that proved to be unneeded.

Four known collisions have occurred between tracked objects, France's National Centre for Space Studies (CNES) says.

In 1991, a Russian navigation satellite, Cosmos 1991, collided with debris from a defunct Russian satellite, Cosmos 926, although this event only came to light in 2005.

In 1996, a fragment from an exploded Ariane rocket launched in 1986 damaged a French spy micro-satellite, Cerise.

In 2005, the upper stage of a US Thor launcher hit debris from a Chinese CZ-4 rocket.

And in 2009, a disused Russian military satellite, Cosmos 2251, smacked into a US Iridium communications satellite, generating a debris cloud in its own right.



SINGAPORE, Singapore : A student test drives an NP-Distanza Proto, a prototype "topedo" shaped car at the lobby area of the Ngee Ann Polytechnic in Singapore yesterday. The "environmentally-friendly" eco car is powered by a fuel cell which has been designed and fabricated by students from the Mechanical Engineering and Product Design and Innovation course as their final project. The carbon-fibre eco car will compete in the Shell Eco-Marathon Asia 2011 to be held at the Sepang International circuit in Malaysia from 6-9 July. (AFP)

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Froyo, instead of the latest 2.3 Gingerbread release, and comes equipped with a 5-megapixel camera, 3.5" display, and 8GB memory card. Comparatively, the latest HTC and Samsung handsets are an order of magnitude more capable, not to mention just a fraction of the cost.

Of course, for shoppers looking more for glitz than guts, the Link comes through. It is offered in a variety of coverings, including alligator and calfskin, and is protected by a frame composed of either gold or titanium, complete with diamond accents. The screen is encased in high-strength Gorilla Glass, which should help keep it from any catastrophic disintegration if you happen to drop it from your private jet. Still, if you're going to be spending thousands of dollars on a brand new phone, you might expect it to outperform a 2-year-old Motorola Droid.

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## Health & Living

# Sweden detects E. coli case not linked to Germany



A laboratory worker holds a petri dish with enterohaemorrhagic E. coli (EHEC) colonies on a culture medium in Germany in May 2011.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AFP) Swedish health authorities said Tuesday they had detected a case of infection with the E. coli strain that caused a deadly outbreak in Germany, in a man who had not been to that country.

It is the first time that a case has turned up in Sweden in a person with no direct link to Germany, doctor Karin Tegmark Wisell of the Swedish Institute for Communicable Disease Control told AFP.

The patient, a middle-aged man from the south of Sweden, "has not been to Germany and there is no obvious link to Germany. He's not been abroad at all and he has not been close to anyone who has been to Germany or has been sick related to the German cases," Tegmark Wisell said.

In a statement, the institute said "an EHEC (enterohaemorrhagic E. coli) case of the same specific type as the outbreak in Germany has been identified in Sweden."

It added an investigation was under way to find the source of contamination and that it was "still unclear if the contamination comes from food in Sweden or if there is some other connection to the German outbreak."

The man became ill with bloody diarrhea in mid-June but was feeling better, it added.

The institute's general director Johan Carlson told Swedish news agency TT that the current situation was "clearly more worrying than previously because more people risk being contaminated with the aggressive type" of the bacteria.

Minister for Health and Social Affairs Goeran Haegglund told TT Swedish health services were prepared.

"What happened previously in Germany and France has made Swedish health services more prepared than we otherwise would have been," he said.

An outbreak of killer E. coli blamed on organic vegetable sprouts grown in northern Germany, has killed 48 people, German health authorities said.

The Swedish Institute for Communicable Disease Control repeated a consumer advice not to eat raw vegetables sprouts.

## Does grape juice offer the same heart benefits as red wine?

Possibly. It's thought that red or purple grape products may reduce your risk of heart disease by relaxing your blood vessels, allowing your blood to more easily flow. This benefit is most likely due to substances called antioxidants found in the skin and seeds of grapes — especially dark red and purple grapes. One particularly important antioxidant, resveratrol, is also found

in grape juice — especially juice made from dark purple Concord grapes may provide some of the same heart benefits of red wine, including:

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- Reducing low-density lipoprotein (LDL, or "bad") cholesterol
- Preventing damage to blood vessels in your heart
- Helping maintain a healthy blood pressure



Both red wine and grape juice also contain antioxidants called flavonoids, which have been shown to increase your high-density lipoprotein (HDL, or "good") cholesterol and lower your risk of clogged arteries (atherosclerosis), and may help lower blood pressure. You also get the benefit of the fiber if you eat whole grapes.

These findings on grape juice are good news for people who want the cardiovascular benefits of red wine without the alcohol. Remember, if you do choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation — no more than one drink a day for women or two drinks a day for men.

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# Doctors Urge Ban on Junk Food Ads During Kids' Shows



-- The nation's leading group of pediatricians is calling for a ban on all junk food and fast food ads during children's television shows as a means of slowing the rising tide of obesity among young people.

In a policy statement published in the July issue of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) also asks Congress, the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Communications Commission to eliminate junk

food and fast food ads on cell phones and other media, as well as to prohibit companies that make such products from paying to have their products featured in movies.

One-third of children and teens are overweight or obese, double the proportion of 30 years ago, the AAP statement said, and several studies have identified TV watching as a contributing factor.

Watching TV or movies or being engrossed in texting or playing games on a cell phone means that children have less time to run, walk or otherwise exercise and more time to snack, what kids are watching also influences their eating habits, and what they're seeing is a preponderance of commercials for high-sugar, high-fat foods, according to the AAP statement.

## Salmonella-tainted sprouts sicken 21 in US

An outbreak of salmonella poisoning in salad sprouts has sickened 21 people in the United States but is not connected to the German E. coli outbreak, health authorities said Tuesday.

The illnesses arose between April 12 and June 7 and so far have spanned five states. Three people have been hospitalized and no deaths have been reported, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a statement.


"A total of 21 persons with the outbreak strain of Salmonella Enteritidis have been reported from five states: Idaho (three), Montana (seven),

North Dakota (one), New Jersey (one) and Washington (nine)," the CDC said.

The salmonella is believed to originate in alfalfa sprouts and spicy sprouts.

An outbreak of killer E. coli blamed on organic vegetable sprouts grown in northern Germany, has killed 48 people and sickened 3,900, German health authorities have said.

One death in the US state of Arizona by a person who had traveled to Germany is under investigation, but has not been confirmed as linked to the German outbreak, the CDC said last week.



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## Expect the unexpected was the Aruba PWA 2011 results motto



The final day of Slalom races left many "pundits" scratching their heads. Defending his World Champion status and #1 ranking he has held since 2006, Antoine Albeau of France maintained his lead until the 3rd day of races when he was pushed out by 14th ranked Ben van der Steen of Holland, who was in third place until the finals, and Aruba Hi-Winds veteran Bjorn Dunkerbeck, ranked 2nd this year, took the top spot on the podium.

Bjorn was one of those great names that helped es-

tablish the fledgling Aruba Hi-Winds as a premier event on the world circuit back in the 80's and 90's when he dominated the sport, so there was great nostalgia among local wind-surfers upon this legendary competitor's return to Aruba. During his acceptance speech he pointed out he was the youngest competitor

to take first place in Aruba those many years ago, and now, at 39, he sets the record as the oldest. Antoine claimed the 3rd place prize after this surprising upset victory for Bjorn and Ben.

Laure Treboux of Switzerland, who came in second in Bonaire claimed that spot again for the Women's Freestyle, and enjoying a double celebration as she accepted her first 3rd place trophy on the PWA circuit was Xenia Kessler of Denmark. She turned 21 on the day of the awards ceremony and was surprised with a cake and being serenaded with "Happy Birthday" by a tent full of windsurfing professionals.

What one commentator described as "amazing local support" spurred Sarah-Quita to victory in the last day of the women's competition, "with a bullet." Veteran competitor Karin Jaggi of Switzerland suffered an "average" final day on the water, but her strong standing from the former eliminations won her second place. Valerie Arrighetti of France had a strong come-



back and finished 3rd and even points with her compatriot Fanny Aubet, a relative newcomer to the circuit. Va-

lerie claimed the third place trophy with her daughter Margaux at her side.

Aruba's Minister of Public

Health and Sports, Dr. Richard Visser was proud to present the awards, and expressed the hope of making the PWA Caribbean leg again an annual event, possibly combining the competition to include all three ABC islands working cooperatively to reduce transport expense for competitors. Those who had been to the island previously expressed they were thrilled to return, and for the newcomers, it was an event filled with unexpected results and discoveries.

By Rosalie Klein



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## ACROSS

1. Dog's sound
4. Go fast
9. "\_\_\_ voyage!"
12. Address bk. line
13. "Beer Barrel \_\_\_"
14. Mimic
15. "\_\_\_ Blue?" (2 wds.)
16. Defeated contestant
17. "\_\_\_ Rita"
18. Singer Collins
20. Compare
22. Transplant
24. Baldwin of

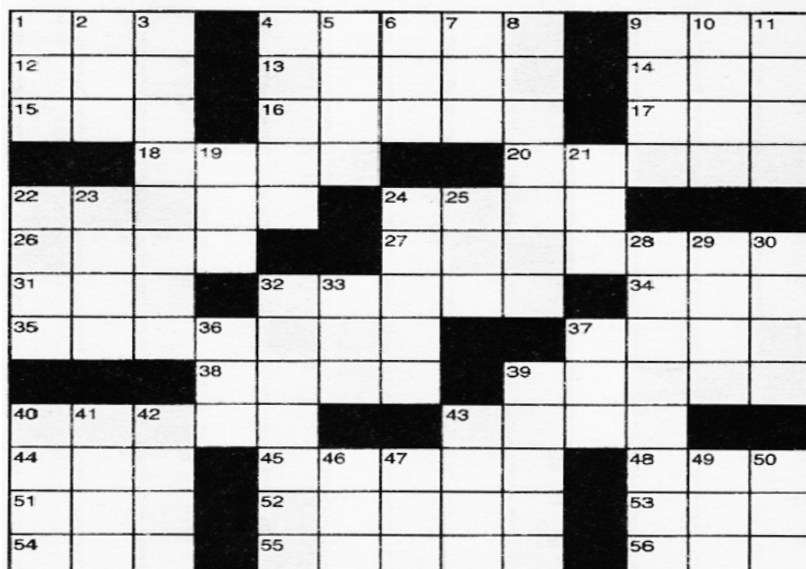
26. Actor Alda
27. Football position
31. Sharp fastener
32. Self-esteem
34. Presidential nickname
35. Sarcastic writings
37. Mark Harmon TV show
38. Electricity measure
39. Turns white
40. "Days of Our Lives" town
43. Father
44. "\_\_\_ to Pieces" (2 wds.)
45. Tartan pattern
48. Troublemaker

51. Pencil stub
52. More subdued
53. Natalie Cole's dad
54. Laughing \_\_\_
55. Extra
56. Asner and McMahon

## DOWN

1. \_\_\_ loss (2 wds.)
2. Sleep stage (abbr.)
3. Frivolously shallow
4. Divided
5. Diver's practice spot
6. Raised railways
7. \_\_\_ out a living

8. "Roseanne" daughter
9. Kennel sound
10. Mayberry boy
11. Bright sign
19. Title for a judge (abbr.)
21. \_\_\_ skate
22. Taps lightly
23. Director Kazan
24. "He's making \_\_\_..." (2 wds.)
25. Saucepan cover
28. Actress Shirley
29. Irish Rose's beau
30. Capone's enemy
32. Reminds
33. Uncle or cousin (abbr.)
36. "\_\_\_ had it!"
37. Doze
39. Father, in Spanish
40. Perform an aria
41. Drink for Juan
42. Throws softly
43. Wharf
46. Swimmer's unit
47. Doctors' gp.
49. TV's "\_\_\_ Men"
50. Liquid measures (abbr.)



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6	7	1	3	4	8	9	5	2
2	5	3	9	1	7	8	6	4
5	1	4	8	6	9	2	3	7
3	6	7	4	2	1	9	5	8
8	2	9	5	7	3	4	1	6

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## Finance

# EU tells Greece world economy at stake in austerity vote



Protestors clash with riot police during a 48-hour general strike on June 28, 2011 in Athens.

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) - Europe ramped up pressure on the Greek parliament Tuesday to approve drastic austerity measures, warning that it would otherwise face a swift debt default that would rock the world economy.

As Greek police clashed with protesters ahead of this week's vote, Brussels told Greece that no "Plan B" would be waiting if it failed to pass the measures demanded by creditors in return for loans needed to keep Athens afloat.

Prodding Greek politicians

to "take their responsibilities," Van Rompuy said "the more unanimity there is, the more unity there is, the better for the people of Greece and our future." European Union economic affairs commissioner Olli Rehn said Greece was facing a "critical juncture," and that "both the future of the country and financial stability in Europe are at stake."

"The only way to avoid immediate default is for Parliament to endorse the revised economic programme."

Rehn slapped down specu-

lation that Europe was working on a contingency plan in case Greek lawmakers reject 28.4 billion euros (\$41 billion) in budget cuts and tax rises as well as a 50-billion-euro privatisation programme.

German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble said in a newspaper interview published on Sunday that the eurozone must be "prepared for the worst" and would cope even if Athens defaulted on its debt.

EU officials reiterated that the austerity measures were a pre-condition for the EU and International Monetary Fund to release 12 billion euros from last year's 110-billion-euro bailout, which Athens needs by July to avoid collapse.

The newly-named head of the International Monetary Fund Christine Lagarde urged Greeks to show national unity over government austerity measures aimed at averting a debt default.

Greece's opposition conservatives oppose the austerity measures, saying the country needs lower taxes to revive the economy.

Tensions mounted in the streets of Athens meanwhile as a general strike turned ugly, with anti-riot police firing tear gas at 10,000 protesters outside parliament after youths hurled firebombs ahead of the key votes today and Thursday.

## YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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D	D	E		Y	W	C	A	E	T

## Lactalis takes Parmalat to create world's top dairy firm

PARMA, Italy (AFP) - French cheese maker Lactalis took control of Italy's Parmalat at a shareholder meeting on Tuesday in a move aimed at creating the world's biggest dairy company after a corporate battle.

Lactalis -- the company behind President Camembert -- only holds a 29-percent stake in Parmalat at the moment but the holding was enough to allow it to get nine of the 11 seats on Parmalat's board at the meeting in Parma. Franco Taro, a former chief executive at Italian electricity giant Enel, was elected as the new chairman of the board for a major Italian company that has emerged from one of Europe's worst corporate fraud scandals in 2003.

Lactalis and Parmalat, which was founded in the 1960s by veteran chief executive Calisto Tanzi who is now in prison for fraud, would have a combined annual turnover of around 14 billion euros (20 billion dollars).

Parmalat employs 14,000 people -- less than half the number from before the scandal -- and retains a strong international network.

Tuesday's vote brought to an end the tenure of Enrico Bondi, the man who revived the group after its bankruptcy and who opposed the takeover.

Bondi said he hoped the firm's future would be "fruitful and full of success" and said he had refused an offer from Lactalis to be on the new board.

## Afghan central bank chief flees to US



KABUL, Afghanistan (AFP) - Afghanistan's central bank governor has resigned and fled to the United States, saying his life is in danger over a corruption probe targeting influential figures connected to the government.

Abdul Qadir Fitrat said his decision to speak out in parliament about the near-collapse of Kabul Bank, the war-torn country's largest private

lender, had placed him in peril.

In April, Fitrat named high-profile people allegedly implicated in a near \$1 billion scandal involving off-the-books loans at the troubled bank, which handles the pay of thousands of Afghan civil servants.

President Hamid Karzai's government Tuesday dismissed Fitrat's claims, insisting his life was not under threat and suggesting he was fleeing a possible probe into his own activities.

Fitrat reportedly has permanent residency in the United States.

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## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



Entrance to Gold Coast

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising

the response to our concept." Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and

mand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by

amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great de-

## The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin



Grandma's stoba with classic rice/peas and homemade potato-beat salad

restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!



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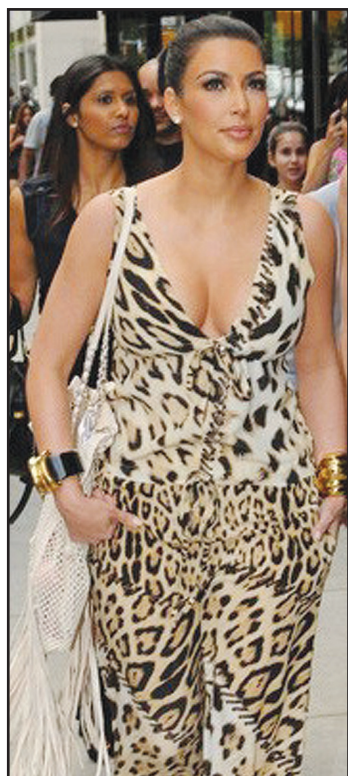
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## Kim Kardashian spotted at Vera Wang bridal store



NEW YORK CITY - Wedding plans appear to be real for Kim Kardashian.

Dressed in a leopard jumpsuit the 30-year-old reality star, who is engaged to NBA

player Kris Humphries, was spotted with sister Kourtney and their E! reality show camera crew at designer Vera Wang's Madison Avenue boutique on where she was reportedly wedding dress shopping.

Wang, who was later seen leaving with the two sisters, is a close friend of the Kardashian family. She also designed the gown that younger sister Khloe wore when she married Los Angeles Laker Lamar Odom in November 2009.

While a date for the wedding is still unknown, the details of Kardashian and Humphries' wedding registry at luxury shop Gearys Beverly Hills were recently revealed.

Among the items reportedly on the list: a \$6,500 Lalique Tourbillon Black Vase, \$470 Cunhill Galaxy Sterling Frame, \$304 Hermes presentation plate, \$1,115 Lalique New York-style black clock and a \$175 Baccarat mustard jar.

## US Supreme Court to review 'indecent' definition

The US Supreme Court announced it will review the meaning of indecency on television in a case that concerns the showing of nude buttocks and the use of swear words during live broadcasts.

The highest US Court will hear the case in the fall and announce a decision by June 2012.

Several questions of indecency that have arisen from a variety of televised events

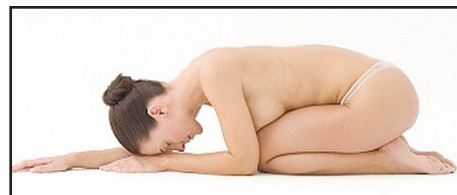
were combined into a single case after an appellate court ruled that the definition of indecency adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) was "unconstitutionally vague."

In one case, the singer Cher and Nicole Richie used profanity during an evening awards show broadcast live on Fox. In another, an episode of the ABC TV series "NYPD Blue" exposed a nude woman from the rear as she entered a shower.

Each time, the FCC imposed large fines on the stations. The fines were challenged in court and ultimately decided in favor of the television stations on appeal.

The FCC won a previous indecency battle that originally began in a crusade for tighter regulations after Janet Jackson exposed her breast during a live Super Bowl broadcast in 2004.

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the FCC in 2009 when it decided that the agency had the authority to



forbid the live broadcast of profanity, but did not rule on whether the FCC policy against "fleeting expletives" is valid under the US Constitution's first amendment.

That question was sent back to the court, which struck down the FCC policy.

The court used that ruling to strike down a separate case of the use of the indecency regulation against displays on TV of adult female nudity, if done in a suggestive way.

The current indecency definition states that "the material at issue "must fall within the subject matter scope of [the] indecency definition -- that is, the material must describe or depict sexual or excretory organs or activities," and "the broadcast must be patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium."





## Copa America Argentina \* July 1 - 24

## Brazil seek Copa hattrick - but eyes are on 2014



BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Training just outside Buenos Aires, Brazil are honing their game plan for the 43rd Copa America, starting Friday, as the five-times world champions chase a third straight win in the international game's oldest event.

But if re-asserting regional dominance would put a big feather in the cap of coach Mano Menezes, both the Brazilians and their Argentinian hosts have an eye fixed on the 2014 World Cup.

Given Argentina's failure to land a major trophy at senior level since their 14th Copa triumph in Ecuador in 1993 - six Copas and five World Cups ago - the pressure is mainly on the albiceleste.

Brazil can, in contrast, claim to be moulding a work in progress which is not supposed to go on show until the World Cup itself.

Given the World Cup records in particular of both countries, many believe that the Copa is all about Argentina and Brazil.

But both are acutely aware of at least one side which have tripped them up in the past.

That side is Uruguay, who proved the pick of the continental crop at last year's World Cup finals, outdoing

both of its illustrious neighbours by reaching the semi-finals.

It was Uruguay, too, who emphatically rained on Brazil's parade in the 1950 final by winning 2-1 in Rio's Maracana. Brazil may have

## Competing Nations

## Group A

Argentina (hosts)

Colombia

Costa Rica (invitee, replaces Japan)

Bolivia

## Group B

Brazil

Paraguay

Ecuador

Venezuela

## Group C

Uruguay

Chile

Mexico (invitee)

Peru

coloured much of World Cup history yellow since that day - but the wound they suffered all those years ago still festers.

The Uruguayans have also stunned Argentina on more than one occasion - not least in winning the 1916 South American Championship.

With Brazil more preoccu-

pied by the World Cup to the extent they won just three Copas up to 1989 - it was Argentina and Uruguay who slugged it out - and the latter again shocked their hosts in the 1987 semi-finals, notwithstanding the then World Cup holders boasted a Diego Maradona in his pomp.

Uruguay share the record of Copa wins - 14 - with Argentina, to just eight for Brazil, albeit the Brazilians have won four out of the last five.

Carlos Tevez, who hopes to create a deadly tandem with Lionel Messi in the Argentinian attack, told Clarin newspaper earlier this month after flying back from a successful season with Manchester City that: "I am dying to win the Copa. I played in the last two finals which we lost to Brazil. But now we will have home support behind us and this will be key."

But Brazil will, as ever, be the major threat.

While Argentina have laboured to find a winning formula since the halycon days of Maradona and company, the Selecao have landed the 2002 World Cup triumph and a string of Copa crowns.

Argentina coach Sergio Batista, selected by Argentinian Federation president Julio Grondona to pick up the pieces after the World Cup mauling by Germany last summer, can at least point to his 2008 Olympic success while he has also overseen prestigious friendly wins recently against both Spain and Brazil.

But those matches were followed by losses to Nigeria and Poland and already Batista is in the line of critical fire both from his bosses and the fans.

Real Madrid's wide man Angel Di Maria says that Argentina must ensure they combine to help Messi show his top form.

"We have got to show Argentina have it in us to win the title. That means getting the ball, moving it around and linking up with Leo."

Previous Copas have been the platform for grooming young stars in the making - previous editions saw the likes of Ronaldo and Rivaldo emerge for Brazil.

If the likes of Messi have been around for several years this year will be no different as Brazil look to their prodigy Neymar, currently of Santos but coveted by a strong of top European clubs, not least Chelsea.

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## Mayweather hopes for Pacquiao but set for Ortiz

NEW YORK (AFP) - Unbeaten US fighter Floyd Mayweather will end a 16-month layoff against southpaw Victor Ortiz in September but still hopes to give fans a long-sought showdown with Filipino icon Manny Pacquiao.

Mayweather, 41-0 with 25 knockouts, will face World Boxing Council welterweight champion Victor Ortiz, 29-2-2 with 22 knockouts, on September 17 at Las Vegas with an eye toward another southpaw, Pacquiao, after that.

"After this fight, if I'm able to negotiate a Pacquiao fight, it could happen," Mayweather said. "(Ortiz) is a southpaw. That could lead to the Pacquiao fight. If it does or it doesn't, I'm not going to stop fighting."

Most of the fights on Mayweather's agenda are legal ones. He faces three court cases, including charges from an incident with an ex-girlfriend that could bring up to 34 years in prison, plus a defamation lawsuit from Pacquiao.

Asked how that federal lawsuit could affect negotiations for a Pacquiao fight, Mayweather said, "I'm not sure at all."

"You go through ups and downs in life. If that's how he feels, things happen. If he wants to go to court for defamation of character, that's up to him."

Pacquiao argues that his reputation was damaged

when Mayweather accused him of being a dope cheat in his push to have "Pac-Man" take blood tests close to the date of a fight, something the Filipino star has steadfastly refused but something that is also not required by any US boxing oversight group.

"Hopefully Manny Pacquiao steps up to the plate and takes the test so we can fight," Mayweather said. "I'm waiting for the fight to happen. I'm taking one step at a time."

Ortiz and Mayweather will be undergo extra blood and urine tests beyond usual levels before their fight. Mayweather had similar rules in place before his most recent fight, a victory over Shane Mosley in May of last year.

"I've been missing the sport," Mayweather said. "I'm happy to be back performing for the fans."

Mayweather said he is trying to shrug off the court cases to focus on fighting Ortiz and that because he is a fighter, he might be seen as guilty in incidents involving physical contact before all the facts are given to a jury.

"They are already saying I'm guilty with no photos or pictures of anything," Mayweather said. "I need to see some pictures and see some proof of what I have done. All of this is just hearsay."

"All I need to do is go out there and stay focused and focus on what is in that squared circle."

## Mexico exclude seven players for indiscipline

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico have excluded eight players from their squad for the Copa America (July 1-24) for indiscipline, the Mexican Football Federation announced on Tuesday.

The young players were suspended for six months and fined \$4,170 after incidents at a hotel in Quito, Ecuador following a friendly match last Saturday.

The eight unidentified players "broke the rules" and "were suspended for the next

six months," said national team director Hector Gonzalez Inarruti.

According to the management of the hotel, the players invited women into their hotel rooms, where thefts subsequently occurred.

Mexico, whose senior team defeated the United States in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final on Saturday, had decided to send a squad of players aged under 22 to the tournament in Argentina, supplemented by five older players.

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## Sharapova, Lisicki set-up big-hitting semi-final



Russian player Maria Sharapova celebrates



Lisicki celebrates

LONDON (AFP) - Big-hitting duo Maria Sharapova and Sabine Lisicki set-up a mouth-watering Wimbledon semi-final on Tuesday with the Russian golden girl impressively hammering home her title credentials.

Fifth seed Sharapova, the 2004 champion, and now the overwhelming favourite following the fourth round defeats of Serena and Venus Williams, brushed aside Slovakia's Dominika Cibulkova 6-1, 6-1.

Lisicki, the first German woman to make the semi-finals since Steffi Graf in 1999,

and only the second wildcard to reach the last four, saw off French ninth seed Marion Bartoli 6-4, 6-7 (4/7), 6-1.

"It's an honour to be in the semi-final. It's a few years since I've got past the fourth round so it's a great chance to take it a step further," said Sharapova, who believes she has got stronger as the tournament has progressed.

Lisicki, whose career went into a tailspin when an ankle injury left her barely able to walk last year, is determined to capitalise on her shock run, just in case it's her last opportunity.

The 21-year-old recovered from wasting three match points in the second set to defeat Bartoli, the 2007 runner-up, who had defeated four-time winner Serena Williams in the fourth round.

Thursday's other semi-final will see Czech eighth seed Petra Kvitova face fourth seed Victoria Azarenka of Belarus who she beat in the third round here last year.



## United States get campaign off to winning start as Swedes beat Colombia



At left: Rachel Buehler of USA (C) celebrates the 2nd goal; at right: Sweden's striker Jessica Landstrom (C) celebrates scoring with teammates (AFP photo)



DRESDEN (AFP) - Two-time world champions United States lived up to their status as women's World Cup favourites on Tuesday, beating North Korea 2-0 in their Group C opener.

Lauren Cheney opened the scoring for the Americans in the 54th minute and Rachel Buehler doubled the lead after 76th minutes for Pia Sundhage's team.

The Americans top Group C with three points along

with Sweden while North Korea and Colombia have zero points.

The Americans next play Colombia on July 2 in Sinsheim.

Elsewhere in Leverkusen a second-half goal from Jessica Landstrom got Sweden's women's World Cup campaign off the mark with a 1-0 win over newcomers Colombia in their opening Group C tie.

The 57th-minute goal came after a string of near misses from the bungling Swedish frontline but it was enough to secure all three points in their first meeting against the South Americans.

It was a worthy debut on the world stage for the young Colombians, who took to the pitch after the news that veteran goalkeeper Yineth Varon had been kicked out of the tournament for failing a doping test.

The 29-year-old tested positive following an out-of-competition test in Leverkusen last Saturday and is now suspended from all football pending an inquiry, but has the right to ask for her 'B' sample to be analysed.

Sweden have reached the quarter-finals at four of the last five World Cups, missing out only at China 2007, when they were eliminated in the group phase.

The 1984 European champions next play North Korea on July 2 in Augsburg and the United States on July 6 in Wolfsburg.

The South Americans next clash is with world number ones the United States on July 2 in Sinsheim, with their final group game against North Korea in Bochum four days later.

## MLB Standings

American League					National League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
NY YANKEES	45	31	.592	--	PHILADELPHIA	49	30	.620	--
BOSTON	45	32	.584	0.5	ATLANTA	44	35	.557	5.0
TAMPA	44	34	.564	2.0	WASHINGTON	40	38	.513	8.5
TORONTO	39	39	.500	7.0	NY METS	39	39	.500	9.5
BALTIMORE	35	40	.467	9.5	FLORIDA	34	44	.436	14.5
Central					Central				
DETROIT	42	36	.538	--	MILWAUKEE	44	35	.557	--
CLEVELAND	40	36	.526	1.0	ST. LOUIS	41	38	.519	3.0
CHICAGO	38	41	.481	4.5	PITTSBURG	39	38	.506	4.0
KANSAS	33	45	.423	9.0	CINCINNATI	40	39	.506	4.0
MINNESOTA	32	44	.421	9.0	CHICAGO	31	46	.403	12.0
West					West				
TEXAS	41	38	.519	--	HOUSTON	28	51	.354	16.0
SEATTLE	39	39	.500	1.5	SAN FRANCISCO	44	34	.564	--
LA ANGELES	39	40	.494	2.0	ARIZONA	43	36	.544	1.5
OAKLAND	35	44	.443	6.0	COLORADO	38	39	.494	5.5
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## Expect the unexpected was the Aruba PWA 2011 results motto



**Still # 1: Sarah-Quita of Aruba took the expected top spot in Freestyle, but surprised everyone by claiming first place in the Slalom races also**

Though it was no surprise for Aruba's own Sarah-Quita Of-fringa, 3 times PWA Women's World Freestyle and Defending Champion to take the top spot in the freestyle events while competing on her "home turf," she surprised the scores of pro competitors by overtaking the leaders on the final day and claiming the first place Slalom trophy as well. "How did that happen?" asked one participant and sports reporter.

There were a number of unexpected upset victories during the second Caribbean leg of the PWA Grand Slam tour, which marks the return of this world class event to

Aruba after 13 years.

The previous week, renowned Caribbean Freestyle competitor Kiri Thode took first place on his home turf of Bonaire, but came in second to European Champion, 25-year-old Steven van Broeckhoven of Belgium, who had lost to Kiri the week before. It was very, very close in Aruba, right up until the final heat, with Kiri dominating, but Steven brought out his big sail for the light winds, allowing him to perform dramatic acrobatics that won him the top spot. Taty Frans was 3rd in the "King of the Huts" Category.

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## Bankrupt Dodgers keep going as fight looms

WILMINGTON (AFP) - A bankruptcy judge on yesterday granted a motion to allow the Los Angeles Dodgers to operate under bankruptcy protection after Major League Baseball made its legal objection to the filing.

The Dodgers will be able to continue paying players, employees, vendors and serv-

ice providers and meet insurance and tax obligations thanks to judge Kevin Gross in what promises to be a unique bankruptcy fight.

The Chapter 11 reorganization bankruptcy move came after Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig refused to approve a \$3 billion television contract

rights deal with Fox that Dodgers owner Frank McCourt, in the midst of a divorce settlement fight, planned to use to ease the club's financial woes.

Selig said he was acting to protect the assets of the team from being siphoned off by McCourt for personal gain.

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